

May 31, 2017

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## Salmon/Steelhead

**Cowlitz River** – 214 bank rods kept 32 adult and 1 jack spring Chinook and 1 steelhead and released 1 adult spring Chinook and 4 cutthroats. 66 boat rods kept 15 adult and 1 jack spring Chinook and 1 steelhead and released 2 cutthroats.

Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 854 spring Chinook adults, 54 spring Chinook jacks, 10 winter-run steelhead adults, 17 summer-run steelhead adults and one cutthroat trout in five days of operation at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released 182 spring Chinook adults and 14 spring Chinook jacks into the Cispus River near Yellow Jacket Creek and they released 411 spring Chinook adults, 28 spring Chinook jacks and one winter-run steelhead adult into Lake Scanewa located near Randle.

In addition, Tacoma Power employees released 82 spring Chinook adults and four spring Chinook jacks at Franklin Bridge in Packwood and five winter-run steelhead adults into the Tilton River located at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 12,300 cubic feet per second on Tuesday, May 30. Water visibility is eight feet and water temperature is 47.1 degrees F.

## Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement Creel Summary

**Note:** This was a partial creel during the past week and will be the final report for the EF Lewis, Kalama, and Coweeman rivers. The new project area is the Elochoman River for the summer steelhead fishery through October.

### BANK ANGLERS

River		Date Range	# Anglers	Steelhead			Chinook			coho		
				HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd	HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd	HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd
Coweeman	b											
Lewis, EF	a	5/22 - 5/25/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama		5/22 - 5/25/17	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bank Total			4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

### BOAT ANGLERS

River		Date Range	# Anglers	Steelhead			Chinook			coho		
				HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd	HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd	HOR Kept	HOR Rlsd	NOR Rlsd
Coweeman	b											
Lewis, EF	a	5/22 - 5/25/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama		5/22 - 5/25/17	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Boat Total			6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

## Totals

Coweeman	b												
Lewis, EF	a	5/22 - 5/25/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalama		5/22 - 5/25/17	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

Note: CRSSE Creel effort has ended on these rivers as of 5/25/17. New project location is on Elochoman

River as of 5/27/17.

a - below Lewisville Park boat ramp, closed by permanent rule March 16 - April 15; above Lewisville Park boat ramp, closed by permanent rule March 16 - First Saturday in June

b - Coweeman River closed by permanent rule

**Lewis River including North Fork – Light effort during the hatchery steelhead only fishery.**

**Lewis River (including North Fork) from the mouth upstream to the overhead powerlines below Merwin Dam - Effective June 1, open for hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead. Salmon daily limit 6 hatchery chinook of which only 1 may be an adult. Minimum size 12 inches. Release wild Chinook.**

Wind River – 269 boat rods kept 106 adult and 12 jack spring Chinook and released 2 adult and 3 jack spring Chinook and 1 steelhead. 10 bank rods kept 3 adult and 1 jack spring Chinook.

Drano Lake – 426 boat rods kept 141 adult and 24 jack spring Chinook and 1 steelhead and released 5 adult and 1 jack spring Chinook. 10 bank anglers had no catch.

Klickitat River – 27 bank anglers kept 20 adult and 1 jack spring Chinook and 3 steelhead and released 1 adult spring Chinook.

**Klickitat River from the mouth (Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge) upstream to the Fisher Hill Bridge and from 400 feet upstream from #5 fishway upstream to the boundary markers below the salmon hatchery – Effective June 1, the salmon daily limit is 6 hatchery Chinook of which no more than two may be adults. In addition, up to 3 hatchery steelhead may be retained. Wild chinook must be released. Open 7 days per week.**

## Trout

Plants of catchable size rainbows into SW WA waters. No report on angling success.

Lake/Pond	Date	Species	Number	Fish per Pound	Hatchery	Notes
<a href="#">SPRING CR 30.0106</a> Klickitat County - Region 5	May 22, 2017	Rainbow	3,000	2.58	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
<a href="#">BATTLE GROUND LK (CLAR)</a> Clark County - Region 5	May 23, 2017	Rainbow	2,000	1.7	VANCOUVER HATCHERY	
<a href="#">HORSETHIEF LK (KLIC)</a> Klickitat County - Region 5	May 23, 2017	Rainbow	4,000	2.51	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
<a href="#">KLINELINE PD (CLAR)</a> Clark County - Region 5	May 23, 2017	Rainbow	2,000	1.7	VANCOUVER HATCHERY	
<a href="#">LITTL WHITE SALMON R</a> Skamania County - Region 5	May 23, 2017	Rainbow	1,988	2.51	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
<a href="#">LITTL WHITE SALMON R</a> Skamania County - Region 5	May 23, 2017	Rainbow	1,032	2.58	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
<a href="#">SILER MILL PD (LEWI)</a> Lewis County - Region 5	May 23, 2017	Rainbow	450	2.5	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY	
<a href="#">BATTLE GROUND LK (CLAR)</a> Clark County - Region 5	May 24, 2017	Rainbow	1,833	2.51	GOLDENDALE HATCHERY	
<a href="#">LEWIS CO PRK PD-S (LEWI)</a>	May 25, 2017	Rainbow	800	2	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY	

Lewis County - Region 5

[SWOFFORD PD \(LEWI\)](#)

Lewis County - Region 5

[SWIFT POWER CANAL \(SKAM\)](#)

Skamania County - Region 5

May 25, 2017	Rainbow	4,000	2	MOSSYROCK HATCHERY
May 26, 2017	Rainbow	2,560	2.56	SPEELYAI HATCHERY

## Shad

Bonneville Dam shad counts are finally starting to climb (5,100 fish yesterday, May 30) but are still the second lowest since 1985 (record low 1,565 fish through May 30, 2011).

No creel checks but reports indicate catch and effort is increasing just below the dam. In addition, some boats report good catches despite flows still being over 400,000 cfs.

Anglers should note [Steamboat Landing](#) Steamboat Landing dock is closed and will be opened in the future after repairs are made.